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Israelis attacked 70 times in March

TEL AVIV (AP) — Israeli troops in Lebanon were attacked 70 times last month, Israel Radio reported Wednesday. The radio said there has recently been a marked increase in attacks, especially on the eastern front with Syria. The attacks in March killed two Israeli soldiers and one Israeli civilian roadworker, according to announcements by the army spokesman's office. A second roadworker died in March of injuries suffered earlier in the year. The radio said 32 soldiers were wounded in Lebanon in March. The military command announced that one Israeli soldier was slightly wounded and five Lebanese civilians were wounded Wednesday afternoon when an attacker threw a grenade at an Israeli patrol in the market town of Nabatiyeh. Troops conducted a search for the attacker, the command said. The previous day there were four separate attacks on Israeli troops in southern Lebanon, but there were no casualties, military sources said, speaking on condition they not be named.

Iraqi, Romania sign agreement

BAGHDAD (R) — Iraq and Romania Wednesday signed an agreement on economic and technical co-operation at the close of a visit by Romanian Prime Minister Constantin Dascalu. The Iraqi News Agency (INA) said the accord was signed by Mr. Dascalu and Iraqi First Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan. It covers increased co-operation in the industrial, irrigation, oil, transport and communication sectors.

Omani minister leaves Cairo

CAIRO (R) — Omani Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Youssef Al Alawi returned to Muscat Wednesday after a 24-hour visit here for talks with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak. They discussed the Iran-Iraq war and a new Egyptian plan to try to end it, according to the official Middle East News Agency (MENA). Before leaving Cairo, Mr. Alawi, a frequent visitor to Egypt, told reporters he was carrying a message from Mr. Mubarak to Sultan Qaboos of Oman.

Carter warns against embassy move

ROANOKE, Virginia (AP) — Former President Jimmy Carter says moving the U.S. embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem would make the prospect of further peace negotiations in the volatile Middle East almost impossible. Mr. Carter said Tuesday he is disappointed that Democratic presidential contenders Walter Mondale and Gary Hart have said they would move the embassy. He said if the embassy were moved, Arab nations would give up efforts at peace negotiations. "To move the embassy would be a very serious blow," he said. "It would be a very sharp reversal of our country's policy."

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Pakistani Air Force plane crashes

ISLAMABAD (R) — A Pakistani Air Force (PAF) plane crashed during a routine training flight Wednesday killing its pilot, a PAF statement said. It said an inquiry had been ordered into the crash which occurred near the Punjab province town of Malakwal, about 140 kilometres south of Islamabad.

Kabul expels U.S. diplomat

MOSCOW (R) — A diplomat at the United States embassy in Afghanistan has been accused of spying and told to leave the country within 48 hours, the official Soviet news agency TASS reported Wednesday. In a despatch from Kabul, it said Third Secretary Richard Vandiver had been declared "persona non grata" for espionage, collecting of information and actions against the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan. The expulsion was also reported by the Kabul Radio which said his activities were contrary to diplomatic norms.

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Occupied lands turned election pawns Israel plans 'as many settlements as possible'

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — The Israeli government has launched a drive to build as many new settlements as possible on the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip before the July 23 general election, officials said Wednesday.

The ministerial settlement committee Tuesday approved the building of five new settlements and was expected to meet Wednesday to approve two more, they said.

An aide of Science Minister Yuval Neeman, who chairs the committee, told Reuters a further 20 new settlements were in the pipeline and it was hoped construction could begin before July.

Mr. Neeman and other hardline ministers fear the settlement drive will be halted if the opposition Labour Party, ahead in recent opinion polls, wins the elections. The aide said Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Oragad, who had previously announced his intention to cut the settlement budget, had now changed his mind.

and was making funds available for the new drive.

An estimated 30,000 Israelis live on the West Bank and some 5,000 in Gaza. The Palestinian population of the two areas is about 1.3 million.

The Israeli budget, approved by parliament last month, provided about \$340 million for building new settlements and expanding existing ones.

Finance Ministry sources said Mr. Cohen-Oragad had decided to make the whole amount available within the next three months.

The Labour Party says it opposes building Israeli outposts in the occupied territories but says it would not dismantle existing settlements.

Mr. Neeman's aide said there

was still not as much money available as the minister would have liked.

"He has decided to go ahead and build as many settlements as possible anyway, working on the principle that we should skimp in quality but not in quantity," he said.

The Haaretz daily newspaper said Wednesday the government planned to embark on a flurry of settlement building before the elections.

The newspaper added that Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir was not overly concerned by public opinion polls which show the Likud government might lose the election and quoted him as saying he did not expect the Likud to complete its settlement programme before the elections (See page 2).

A settlement official, who asked not to be identified, said that 13 new settlements in the West Bank, Gaza and the Golan Heights had been proposed to the government for establishment this summer. He did not know how many of these were among those authorised by the ministerial committee.

Chernenko elected Soviet president

MOSCOW (R) — Communist Party leader Konstantin Chernenko was Wednesday elected to the post of state president at a meeting of the Soviet parliament.

A joint session of the two chambers unanimously endorsed a proposal that the 72-year-old Kremlin chief should be made chairman of the parliament's presidium, the official title of the head of state.

The proposal was put forward by Mr. Chernenko's number two in the Kremlin, Politburo member Mikhail Gorbachev.

Mr. Chernenko has followed in the footsteps of both his predecessors, Leonid Brezhnev and Yuri Andropov, in combining the posts of party chief and state president.

Western diplomats say they have also been told he has acquired the third post held by Mr. Brezhnev and Mr. Andropov, that of chairman of the National Defence Council.

In his proposal speech, Mr. Gorbachev indicated that combining the party leadership with the presidency would effectively be a permanent policy.

He said it was considered important for the leader's role in foreign affairs to carry the title of president as well as general secretary of the party.

"Representation of foreign policy in the international arena by the general secretary is a convincing reflection of the fact that our foreign policy is linked with the policy of the party," he added.

After the vote, Mr. Chernenko was given a standing ovation.

Looking tanned and fit, the party chief stood up and raised his clasped hands above his head in a victory salute while smiling broadly at the assembled delegates.

He then delivered a brief speech of thanks, reading from a prepared text.

The new president declared: "We must search for equitable agreements which are necessary in the international arena."

Touching on domestic affairs, he pledged to continue a policy, launched by his predecessor Andropov, of raising labour discipline and responsibility in every area.

After reading his speech, Mr. Chernenko came forward a second time to propose that Prime Minister Nikolai Tikhonov, 79, be re-elected to his post.

The proposal was accepted and the parliamentary session closed after several leadership decrees were approved. Mr. Tikhonov is due to announce his government when the session reconvenes Thursday.

Mondale triumphs in Pennsylvania

PHILADELPHIA (Agencies) — Walter F. Mondale easily won the Pennsylvania primary Tuesday, defeating a fading Gary Hart and rolling past the halfway mark in his quest for the delegates needed to capture the Democratic presidential nomination.

Mr. Mondale called it a "major step forward" and said he had established new momentum. Mr. Hart, putting forth and optimistic face as he arrived in his hometown of Denver, told supporters, "We are headed into our territory, folks."

With nearly 90 per cent of the vote in, Mr. Mondale had 46 per cent of the vote to 35 per cent for Mr. Hart.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson was



His Majesty King Hussein shakes hands with Information Minister Laila Sharaf as cabinet members and senior officials see off the King who left for Iraq on an official two-day visit Wednesday (Petra photo)

King in Iraq on two-day visit

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein arrived in Baghdad Wednesday on a two-day visit to Iraq for talks with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and other senior Iraqi officials, the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, said.

The King was met upon arrival by President Hussein, Mr. Izzat Ibrahim, vice-chairman of the Iraqi Revolutionary Command Council, Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan, Foreign Minister Tareq Aziz and other senior government officials.

The King is accompanied by Prime Minister Ahmad 'Obaidat, Chief of the Royal Court Marwan Al Qasem, Court Minister Adnan Abu Odeh and Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid.

Talks between the two sides were expected to start Wednesday evening.

King Hussein was seen off upon departure from Amman by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, speakers of the Upper and Lower Houses of Parliament, senior officials and army officers as well as the Iraqi Ambassador to Jordan Ibrahim Shuja' Sultan.

Before the King's departure, Prince Hassan was sworn in as Regent.

King Hussein was expected to visit other Arab Gulf countries later in the week to discuss with Arab leaders a united Arab stand on issues in the region and urge them to hold a summit of Arab leaders soon.

Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri told the Associated Press on Tuesday that Jordan hoped for an Arab summit "not later than next July."

Petra later reported that talks between the King and President Hussein started Wednesday evening.

The talks were attended on the Jordanian side by Prime Minister 'Obaidat, Royal Court Chief Qasem, Court Minister Abu Odeh, Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd, and the Jordanian ambassador to Iraq.

On the Iraqi side it was attended by Mr. Ibrahim, Mr. Ramadan, Foreign Minister Aziz, Information Minister Latif Nasif Jassim and senior officials.

British queen expresses anxiety over Gulf war

LONDON (AP) — Queen Elizabeth II spoke Tuesday of the anxiety caused by the Iran-Iraq war when she gave a banquet at Windsor Castle for the emir of Bahrain at the start of his state visit to Britain.

The queen told Bahrain's Sheikh Issa bin Salman Al Khalifah: "Both our nations strive for peace and prosperity and the prolonged war between Iran and Iraq is of deep concern to us. We share the anxiety this has caused to Bahrain and among her neighbours in the Gulf."

The 200 guests at the candle-lit banquet in the St. George's Hall of the 900-year-old castle heard the queen say that it was the common ideals, heritage and affection of two seafaring and trading nations

which had formed the basis of the friendship between Britain and Bahrain.

The queen congratulated the emir on last year's bicentennial of his family's rule.

The emir recalled his long friendship with Britain and the fact that he first tasted the responsibility of state as member of the regency council when his father attended the queen's coronation in 1953.

Queen Mother Elizabeth, Princess Diana and Princess Margaret were among 12 members of the royal family at the banquet.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher was accompanied by her senior ministers and their wives, with other leading politicians and the Archbishop of Canterbury

U.S.-Iran tribunal head quits

THE HAGUE — Gunnar Lagergren of Sweden, president of the U.S.-Iran tribunal here since its establishment three years ago, has resigned his post, a tribunal source said Wednesday.

Mr. Lagergren submitted his resignation, Tuesday, said the source, a high official within the tribunal's administrative structure, who declined to be named.

Court officials refused any public comment on the resignation.

Mr. Lagergren, an internationally known authority on international law, is the presiding official of the court established by the January 1981 Algiers agreement between the United States and Iran to mediate financial claims arising out of the Iranian revolution and the ensuing American hostage crisis.

The tribunal source attributed Mr. Lagergren's resignation in part to the furor caused by a tribunal ruling last week on claims against Iran by dual nationals.

That ruling, strongly opposed by Iran, allowed for the admission to the tribunal of financial claims against the government of Ayatollah Khomeini by Iranian citizens who had become naturalised American citizens.

Mr. Lagergren has continually been caught in a cross-fire between the American and Iranian agents at the court, who represent their respective nations' interests.

Mr. Lagergren has also come under repeated criticism from the American side.

China, Kuwait discuss Gulf war

KUWAIT (Agencies) — Chinese Foreign Minister Wu Xueqian had talks with Kuwaiti officials Wednesday on issues including the Gulf war, the Palestinian problem and the Middle East situation as a whole.

Kuwait's minister of state for cabinet affairs, Abdul Aziz Hussein, told reporters after the 90-minute talks that the two countries' views on the need to end the Iran-Iraq war, now in its fourth year, were identical.

Mr. Hussein said Kuwait and China agreed that the conflict should be settled through negotiations.

During a courtesy call earlier Wednesday, Mr. Wu gave the emir of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah, a message from Chinese President Li Xiannian. Mr. Hussein said. The Chinese minister is due to leave Thursday.

Mr. Wu arrived in Kuwait from Tunis as part of an official tour of a number of Arab and European nations.

The minister reiterated the "strict denial" of his government supplying weapons to either side in the Gulf war that he was quoted as making while in the North African state.

"China did not and will not present any military supplies to either of the two parties," he told reporters here.

Asked about the possible Chinese participation in the efforts to halt the war, he replied "the government of China accorded maximum importance since the start to the (necessity of) ending that war."

He indicated that Peking, apparently encouraged by its neutral stand, invited the foreign ministers of Baghdad and Tehran last year to discuss means of a "peaceful end to the conflict the quickest possible."

Shelling closes Beirut crossing

BEIRUT (R) — Heavy shelling closed the only crossing between east and west Beirut for more than two hours Wednesday following a bombardment Tuesday which killed four people and wounded 38 others, police said.

Right-wing Falangist radio, broadcasting from east Beirut, said the crossing — the only route across the "green line" dividing the city — was closed when six shells landed at the mainly Christian eastern end.

After the crossing closed, shells continued to fall in east Beirut, raising fears of a recurrence of Tuesday's terror when the mainly Christian "Lebanese Forces" militia retaliated against day-long shelling from west Beirut.

But radios reported a ceasefire at noon and residents said shelling was generally quiet in the afternoon.

Police said Tuesday's shelling killed three Lebanese army soldiers on both sides of the capital and a woman in east Beirut. Three other soldiers and 35 civilians were wounded, they added.

Summit postponed
A planned meeting in Dam-

ascus between Lebanese President Amin Gemayel and Syrian President Hafez Al Assad, the main backer of Mr. Gemayel's opponents, still has not taken place.

Some reports said the meeting was to have been held Wednesday but Foreign Minister Elie Salem said the date would be announced in the next two days and the leftist newspaper As Safir said it had been postponed until the end of the week or until next week.

It quoted a Syrian government official as denouncing that before the meeting there must be progress in restoring peace and agreement between Mr. Gemayel and his opponents on the broad outlines of political reforms.

Informed government sources said one outstanding political issue that needed to be settled was the choice of the next prime minister. The government of the current, caretaker Prime Minister, Shafiq Al Wazzan, has resigned.

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U.S. says Israel misuses aid meant for Palestinians

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department said Tuesday that Israel has frustrated the delivery of United States aid intended for Palestinian economic projects on the occupied West Bank and Gaza and urged the Israeli government to let the Palestinians develop their local economy.

Israel receives more American aid than any other nation — an estimated \$2.6 billion in fiscal 1984. By contrast, U.S. aid for the occupied territories is put at about \$8.5 million for 1984.

The State Department declined direct comment on an independent Israeli study last week which said the Israelis have directed millions of dollars away from programmes that would strengthen the Palestinian economy in the West Bank and Gaza, which have been occupied by Israel since the 1967 Arab-Israeli war.

But in a written response to reporters' inquiries, the State Department was critical of Israel's attitude towards such aid.

It said American assistance over the years has included social welfare projects but has increasingly been oriented towards activities that will contribute to economic development.

"In general terms, we share the concern that Israel has not been

forthcoming in allowing such activities to go forward," the department said. It urged Israel to be "more flexible in permitting them (the Palestinians) to undertake economic activity, at their own initiative, to develop local industry."

It said the issue has been discussed with Israeli officials and that in recent weeks a number of U.S.-funded projects have been allowed to go forward, a development the department said was "helpful."

The study of U.S. aid for the Palestinians was made by Meron Benvenisti, former deputy mayor of Jerusalem, who heads a Jerusalem-based research institute. Mr. Benvenisti said the thrust of the American aid effort has been changed by the Israeli authorities, who have power to approve or disapprove specific projects.

As an example, he said Israel has approved 35.6 per cent of the agricultural projects and 23 per cent of the industrial expenditures proposed by the United States, local Palestinians and voluntary agencies.

By contrast, he said Israeli authorities approved most public works projects, which he said would have been financed by Israeli government funds if Washington were not assisting.

Sri Lankan rebels continue attacks

COLOMBO (Agencies) — An 18-hour curfew was re-imposed on Sri Lanka's northern city of Jaffna Wednesday as Tamil separatists continued attacks on security forces with guns and bombs, the national security minister said.

Twenty-two rebels have been shot dead and one soldier wounded in three separate clashes between the rebels and security forces since Tuesday, Minister Lalith Athulathmudali told reporters.

He said the minority Tamil rebels had not observed the 18-hour curfew imposed in Jaffna from noon Tuesday.

The rebels are fighting for a

separate state for Tamils who comprise 2.5 million of the island's 15 million people in Sri Lanka's northern and eastern provinces.

A mob of 500 young Tamil extremists threw explosives at a Buddhist temple in Jaffna Wednesday shortly after the curfew expired, the Associated Press reported.

Military troops opened fire on the crowd, but it was not immediately known if there were any casualties.

It was the second time in two days that the Naga Vihara, or snake temple, was attacked by militants seeking a separate Tamil

state on the Sinhalese-dominated island nation.

Tamils, who make up 18 per cent of the nation's population but dominate in the Jaffna district, are mostly Hindus. The majority of Sinhalese are Buddhists. The Associated Press Wednesday quoted witnesses as saying that 500 young Tamils rode up to the temple on bicycles and hurled explosives at the shrine. There was no immediate report on damage.

The killing of 13 majority Sinhalese soldiers by rebels in Jaffna last July sparked widespread ethnic violence in which nearly 400 people, mainly Tamils, died.

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Saudi envoy says Arabs may buy Soviet weapons

WASHINGTON (R) — Saudi Arabia's ambassador to Washington said Arabs will take their weapons purchases and up to \$13 billion in other trade to the Soviet Union or elsewhere if the U.S. arms market is closed to them.

Prince Bandar Ibn Sultan Tuesday told the Washington Press Club the withdrawal of a proposed sale of U.S. air defence missiles to Saudi Arabia and Jordan last month under pressure from Israel's supporters in Congress spotlighted "a very dangerous trend."

"The Israelis are doing their best to drive us out of the American market, particularly in weapons," he said.

Saying U.S. trade with Arab Nations totalled \$13 billion a year, creating some 600,000 American jobs, he asked if Israeli security and U.S. interests would be served if the Arabs took their arms business to Moscow, Paris or London.

"We are determined to defend ourselves, and we will get those weapons anywhere," he said.

"We prefer to have them from the United States of America," he said, but he added the Arabs "don't have to take that pushing around" from Israel and its U.S. backers.

Warning against embassy move

Calling on the United States to

America's course to be "5 elements for peace"

Saying U.S. relations with the Arabs were not "at a high peak at this stage," he added: "You've got to stop looking at us as just oil and dollars and look at us as human beings."

Prince Bandar listed what he called the five most important elements if peace is to prevail in the Middle East:

"There is no future at all for the emasculated version of autonomy (for Palestinians) which is the Israeli interpretation of the Camp David treaty."

The Saudi objection to Camp David was "not what was said there but what was not said there, which is the necessity for self-determination for the Palestinian people."

The 1982 Reagan plan and the proposal adopted by the Arabs at Fez, Morocco, soon after "the only major peace proposals now before the world" and efforts should focus on bridging those two positions.

Peace efforts can succeed only if there is no attempt to divide the Arab states into blocs.

U.S. resolve and respect for all the people of the Middle East are important ingredients in helping to bring peace to the area.

New mandate urged for UNIFIL

UNITED NATIONS (R) — Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar Tuesday recommended a renewal of the mandate of the U.N. force in South Lebanon and, "at the appropriate time," an expanded role for the contingent.

In a written report to the Security Council, he said the Lebanese government had requested a further six-month renewal when the present term of the force ends on April 19.

Mr. Perez de Cuellar said the current role of the 5,688-strong U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) did not measure up to the objectives assigned to it when it was dispatched to the area in 1978 nor to subsequent Security Council guidelines.

These were principally, the withdrawal of Israeli forces and the restoration of peace, normality and the authority and sovereignty of the Lebanese government.

"I therefore suggest that the council consider, at the appropriate time, and without prejudice to arrangements elsewhere in Lebanon, a future course of action which would make more effective the mandate of UNIFIL specifically in southern Lebanon, in the context of the withdrawal of Israeli forces from that area," the secretary-general stated.

He said this would include:

"A. The temporary deployment of UNIFIL, with elements of the Lebanese army and Internal Security Forces, in areas vacated by Israeli forces.

"B. The immediate deployment of elements of UNIFIL in the Sidon area on Israeli withdrawal from that area, with a view to assuring the safety and security of the population, including Palestinian refugees in the camps in that area.

"C. The working out of the necessary arrangements to ensure that Southern Lebanon becomes a zone of peace under the sovereignty and authority of the Lebanese government."

Israel troops who invaded Lebanon in June 1982 to attack Palestinian commandos withdrew last year to a line along the Awali River north of Sidon.

UNIFIL was sent to Lebanon following an earlier Israeli incursion in 1978. It is made up of troops from Fiji, Finland, France, Ghana, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Senegal and Sweden.

Israel has said it will seek guarantees for the safety of its northern border from commando attacks before withdrawing its invasion army.

Mr. Perez de Cuellar said he did not underestimate the difficulties of his proposed plan for an expanded UNIFIL role.

But he said a reversion to genuine peace and normality in southern Lebanon would be in the interest of virtually all concerned. Positions were less on this general objective than on the conditions in which it was to be achieved.

Congressmen press for U.S. embassy move

WASHINGTON (R) — Congressional supporters of a bill to transfer the U.S. embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem renewed their campaign Tuesday and one accused President Reagan and other politicians of hypocrisy for opposing the move.

Mr. Reagan has said he will veto legislation moving the embassy if it reaches his desk. Senior administration officials say the move

could undermine U.S. credibility with Arab countries.

Representative Tom Lantos, the prime sponsor of the bill, said Mr. Reagan had stated in the past that Jerusalem should be "undivided under Israeli sovereignty."

Testifying before two House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Subcommittees, Mr. Lantos said: "It is a measure of political hyp-

ocrisy on the part of some in both political parties that we now find such vehement objections to our much more modest effort belatedly to designate a building in West Jerusalem as the American embassy in Jerusalem."

The legislation has broad bipartisan support in a Congress fully aware of the strength of Jewish-American voters.

Syria warns against partition of Lebanon

DAMASCUS (R) — Syria warned Wednesday it would not allow the proposed disengagement of forces in Lebanon to lead to the partition of the country.

The government newspaper Tishrin said in a commentary: "Syria will not permit any faction in Lebanon or outside it to tamper with the unity of Lebanon, whatever the cost and sacrifices this entails for us."

Lebanon's rival factions have agreed to a plan whereby they would pull back their fighters by up to 700 metres along a confrontation line that extends from the centre of Beirut to the mountains to the south-east.

The disengagement is intended

to be a prelude to political dialogue. Tishrin charged that instead some groups want to use the disengagement to partition Lebanon.

It was apparently referring to proposals by the "Lebanese Forces" militia and some other leaders for dividing the country into religious cantons which would still be united under a central government.

"We will not permit the forces favouring partition to turn the disengagement lines into an accomplished fact," Tishrin said. "A disengagement agreement must only separate the combatants and not the citizens."

Hundreds of drivers wait for days at Israeli checkpoint

BATER, Lebanon (R) — Hundreds of drivers have waited for more than a week at a checkpoint in the Lebanese mountains because Israeli soldiers have all but closed the only route between South Lebanon and the rest of the country.

On each side of the Israeli checkpoint near the village of Bateer, a queue of cars and trucks at least four kilometres long stretches along the narrow, rutted road.

The Israelis let people walk across but allow only a few vehicles through each day after lengthy searches.

Families have been sleeping in their cars in cold, rainy weather, relying on snacks sold by boys from the nearby village. Fights have broken out when drivers tried to jump the queue.

The road through the Bateer checkpoint, 40 kilometres south-east of Beirut, has been the only route to and from the south since fighting between opposition militias and the Lebanese Army closed a highway along the coast in February.

Israeli forces closed the road on March 29, saying they had found mines on another road in the area. They opened it on April 1 but restricted traffic to a trickle after a Palestinian commando attack in occupied Jerusalem on April 2.

"Israel is choking us," said Shauqi, a Shi'ite Muslim truck driver. He said he had been waiting since April 2 to enter the south to pick up a load of citrus fruit.

"If the road stays this difficult, I won't ever do it again, Shauqi said, but added: "If I don't work, I can't eat."

For a round trip which could now take him two or three weeks, he said he would be paid 1,500 Lebanese pounds (\$270).

From that he has to pay the equivalent of \$45 for fuel and \$55 duty to the mainly Druze Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) militia which controls the road between Bateer and Beirut.

Poll gives Israeli Labour increased lead over Likud

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R) — The opposition Labour Party has increased its support among Israeli voters while backing for the ruling Likud Party has fallen, according to a public opinion poll published Wednesday.

The poll, in the Yediot Aharot newspaper, said Labour would have won 52 seats in the 120-seat parliament if elections were held now, compared to 41 seats for Likud.

A similar poll last month, before the decision to dissolve parliament and hold general elections on July 23, gave Labour 49 seats and Likud 46 seats.

U.S. must continue search for Middle East peace, Draper says

NEW YORK (USIA) — The United States must stop agonising over its failures to bring peace to Lebanon and look ahead to finding another way to gain peace, not only in Lebanon but throughout the Middle East, Ambassador Morris Draper said April 9.

Mr. Draper, President Reagan's former special emissary and a negotiator of the abrogated Israeli-Lebanon agreement, told the Foreign Policy Association here that the United States must not become bogged down in "unnecessary despair" and that "we must stop lacerating ourselves."

"We have had setbacks, but it is not the end of the game," Mr. Draper said. "The Syrians may have won the first innings, but there are nine innings in the

game," Mr. Draper said using the analogy of American baseball.

Mr. Draper said that for the next few months, the United States may be on the sidelines in Lebanon because of the political uncertainties surrounding the upcoming Israeli elections in July, the U.S. presidential election in November and the disarray of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) after the recent split orchestrated by Syria against PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat. But "in the end," he said, "the United States will have to get down to stabilising the situation and dealing with the unfinished peace process."

There are too many "flashpoints" and the situation is "much, much too dangerous," for the United States not to take an active role in the Middle East, he

said. With Syria's increased support from the Soviet Union, the possibility exists for a major U.S.-Soviet military confrontation in the Mideast unless the problems are resolved.

The present situation in Lebanon — with the Syrians and Israelis administering parts of the country — "is basically intolerable to the United States," Mr. Draper said. The potential for Syrian-Soviet and Israeli confrontation in the skies over Lebanon "is far too risky ... much, much too dangerous" for the United States not to get involved.

The United States would be "sucked into" an Israeli-Syrian confrontation over Lebanon. That could lead to a Soviet-U.S. confrontation, he said.

Mr. Draper pointed out that the situation is much different in 1984

than it was in 1982 when the United States first tried to help the Lebanese peace process. For example, the Syrians now have a major new air defence system from the Soviet Union that includes ground to air missiles that can reach as far west as Cyprus.

"One of the major objectives the United States has sought to achieve over the years in the Middle East is to forestall a Soviet and American military confrontation. The Middle East has been a scene of heavy competition by the superpowers for decades (and to forestall a confrontation) has been at the heart of our thinking and actions," Mr. Draper said.

The United States will have "to look to our interests. We must not be unnecessarily deterred by disappointments," he continued.

"We ought to stop lacerating our-

selves over the catastrophes. They are setbacks, but it is not the end of the game."

Mr. Draper's remarks were one-half of a two-part programme of the Foreign Policy Association's discussion on "The lessons of Lebanon." Appearing on the programme with Mr. Draper was former Under Secretary of State George Ball.

Mr. Ball disagreed with Mr. Draper on every aspect of the Lebanon situation and characterised Lebanon as "marginally relevant to U.S. policy" and the U.S. role as one of "subservience to Israel."

Mr. Ball said that through its actions in the last two years, the United States has lost its "prestige, authority and influence" in the Middle East. Israel helped Syrian President Hafez Assad gain

influence in Lebanon, and helped Syria acquire better weapons from Moscow, he said.

"Only because of Israel the United States is the bigger loser in the Middle East," Mr. Ball said. "The United States is not Israel's legal guardian and it should stop acting as if it were."

Mr. Draper countered Mr. Ball's remarks, stressing that the United States is the only outsider with influence in the region. The United States has shown — through the Camp David process — that the only path to peace is through negotiations. "As long as that theme is there and continues to be credible," U.S. support for Israel is not debilitating.

He also warned that the United States cannot adopt a pacifist policy, sit by, and let another explosion ignite the Mideast situation.

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MAIN CHANNEL

16:30 Koran
17:00 Cartoons
17:25 Children's Programme
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19:20 Programme Review
19:30 Local Programme
20:00 News in Arabic
20:30 Arabic Series
21:00 Local Comedy
21:30 Arabic Play
22:10 News in Arabic
23:10 Play Continued

FOREIGN CHANNEL

18:00 French Programme
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19:30 French Programme
20:30 News in Hebrew
21:10 Comedy: Reggie
22:00 News in English
22:15 Feature Film: Crackle of Death

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WHAT'S GOING ON

TODAY'S EVENTS

EXHIBITIONS

* Paintings exhibition by Hind Sharif Nassar at the Royal Cultural Centre on Thursday.

* Paintings exhibition by Jordanian artist Diana Hajjar Shamouni at the Goethe Institute.

* "4 eme Exposition d'Arts Plastiques", starts at the French Cultural Centre at 6:00 p.m.

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Hassan urges stronger intra-Islamic links

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan returned home Tuesday evening after a visit to Turkey where he delivered a message from His Majesty King Hussein to President Kenan Evren.

Prince Hassan also met Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal to discuss Jordanian-Turkish economic ties and ways of developing economic co-operation among Third World nations, especially among Arab and Islamic nations in the Middle East region.

In his talks, Prince Hassan explained that Third World nations

should strive to increase co-operation among themselves in order to bolster their stand in the face of external challenges.

He mentioned three of the most important areas of co-operation among Arab and Islamic nations namely developing skilled manpower resources, absorbing modern technology and ensuring food security.

Prince Hassan also underlined the need to build a bridge to facilitate the transfer of ideas from planners and intellectuals in Arab and Islamic nations to decision-makers in their countries.

The idea is designed to promote Arab and Islamic economic and social life along the lines adopted by the Arab Thought Forum which is chaired by Prince Hassan.

Local firm wins soya bean award

AMMAN (Petra) — A local firm Wednesday signed an agreement with the Ministry of Transport to unload 250,000 tonnes of soya beans from ships and then to package them for distribution in the local market.

The operation, to be carried out at Aqaba port entails the employment of special mechanical equipment which will be imported for this purpose.

The agreement was signed here by Transport Minister Taher Hikmat and the local company's chairman of the board of directors.

Conference aims to promote child dental health care, says organiser

By Affah A. Kaloti
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The third Jordanian dental conference opens Thursday under the patronage of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, at the Professional Association Complex.

The two-day conference, which is being organised by the Jordan Dental Association (JDA) scientific committee, will feature 16 working papers in various fields of dentistry.

In an interview with the Jordan Times, the chairman of the JDA scientific committee, Walid Maraqa, said that one aim of the conference is to increase the contact between the Jordanian dentists and the community to help introduce preventive measures to

keep the teeth and gums of schoolchildren in good health.

Dr. Maraqa added that another aim of the conference is to adopt policy regarding school dental health, a matter which will be discussed in the first session of the conference.

"The recommendations are to be given to the governmental departments concerned to start developing the required dental services," he said.

The third aim is to show Jordanian dentists the new developments in dentistry through the presentation of papers during the conference, Dr. Maraqa pointed out.

On the participants at the conference, Dr. Maraqa said the conference includes representatives from the Ministries of Health and Education, the Royal Medical Services, the University of Jordan, Yarmouk University, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency, the Water Authority as well as from universities in Damascus and Baghdad.

Dr. Maraqa added that representatives from World Health Organisation, the University of Bordeaux in France and experts from American universities will participate in the conference.

During the conference, dental films programme will be shown.

DEATH ANNOUNCEMENT

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Condolences will be accepted at a later date to be announced after the family's return from the United States.

Envoy re-affirms India's support for peace efforts

AMMAN (J.T.) — Information Minister Laila Sharaf and Indian Ambassador to Jordan Pyare Lal Santoshi Monday discussed the situation in the Middle East, the Palestinian problem and latest developments in the region.

During the meeting, held at the Information Ministry, Mr. Santoshi expressed India's concern over the situation in the region and re-affirmed New Delhi's support for peace efforts in the Mid-

dle East, an embassy source said.

Mrs. Sharaf and Mr. Santoshi also discussed Jordanian-Indian co-operation in the field of information and ways to strengthen existing relations, the source added.

Later, Mr. Santoshi also met the new director-general of Jordan Television, Munir Durra, with whom he discussed possibilities of exchanging documentary films between Indian television networks and JTV.

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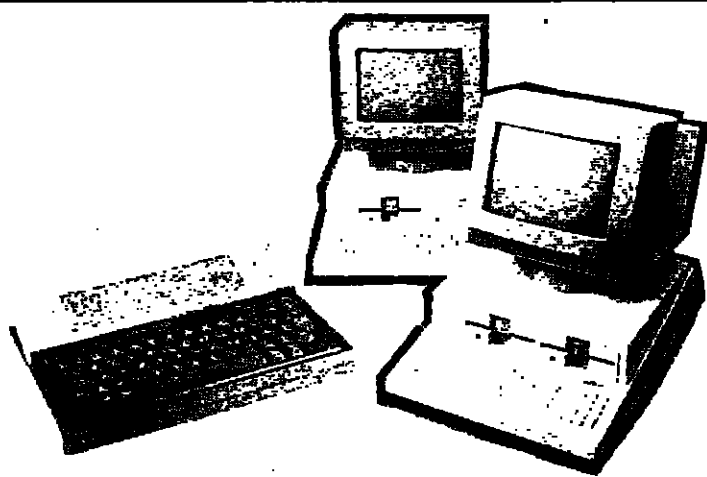
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Olympic officials call England tour 'provocative'

TUNIS (R) — Two Olympic officials Wednesday described the forthcoming England rugby union tour of South Africa as a "provocation" to black Africa in the run-up to the Los Angeles Games starting on July 28.

The officials are attending a two-day meeting of the Executive Bureau of the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA) which is due to hammer out a response to the English rugby authorities decision to go ahead with the controversial tour.

Most African countries boycotted the 1976 Montreal Olympics over the participation of New Zealand which maintained rugby union links with racially segregated South Africa.

ANOCA President Anani Matitia of Togo told Reuters: "We

consider this tour as real provocation and it is top of our agenda. All I can say now is that the African nations are ready to assume their responsibilities."

Though rugby union is not an Olympic sport, the England tour of South Africa has raised fears that the Montreal boycott may be repeated at Los Angeles if Britain attends.

Mario Vasquez Rana, President of the Association of National Olympic Committees, revealed he had sent a letter two days ago to the British Olympic Association asking it to do its best to have the rugby tour cancelled.

In an opening address Wednesday morning, Vasquez Rana said: "We have learned that a rugby team from Great Britain intends to visit a country which does not belong to the (Olympic)

family.

"Beware. This is a provocation to divide us, but we should be more intelligent than them."

Vasquez Rana, whose organisation groups National Olympic Committees around the world, added: "We will try by all means to prevent them from achieving their goal, but if they do, we should rebuff them."

The official did not specify what action the National Olympic Committees should take if the England tour went ahead.

Any possible decision taken at the current meeting against the rugby tour would be only a recommendation which would have to be approved by each African country's National Olympic Committee, officials said.

In Nairobi, Kenyan sports minister Kenneth Matiba Wednesday

said an African boycott of the Los Angeles Olympics in retaliation for next month's England tour might please South Africa.

He told a luncheon for journalists and sport officials that such a boycott might satisfy Pretoria because South Africa had itself long been excluded from the Olympics because of its apartheid policies.

"South Africa might create a situation which makes Africa boycott the Los Angeles Games and then what do you get? Equality in not participating... they would both be out of the games," he said.

Matiba said he knew of no official move to boycott the games because of the English tour. "It is not a matter that has been officially raised with us, even by the Supreme Council for Sport in Africa," the minister said.

Khan claims British title

WEMBLEY, England (AP) — Jahangir Khan of Pakistan, the world No. 1 continued his relentless sequence of victories by winning the British Open Squash Championship for the third successive year at the Wembley Conference Centre Tuesday night.

Khan, unbeaten for three years, predictably beat his countryman Qamar Zaman 9-0, 9-3, 9-5, in 42 minutes in front of the biggest live squash audience in history.

A packed arena of 2,600 saw Khan, still only 20, produce his usual mixture of lightning winners and spectacular retrieving in the unique perspex court, which allowed spectators to view the match from all sides.

Khan, who dropped only 40 points in five matches on his way to the title, picked up the first prize of £4,000 (\$5,720). Zaman received £2,750 (\$3,930).

Khan, the most successful member of his renowned squash-playing family, underlined his world supremacy in ruthless style.

He took the first game in less than 10 minutes and although his veteran compatriot, 33 on Wednesday, occasionally turned on the style with exquisite winners from his vast array of shots, Khan was always in control.

Zaman, who lost to Khan in the semi-finals here from 1981 to 1983, was made to work furiously for the few points he picked up as Khan placed the ball almost at will around the court.

He had his chances in the third game but never got further than 5-5 as Khan — unbeaten since his defeat here by Australian Geoff Hunt in the 1981 final — stepped up the pressure in a series of punishing rallies.

Wilander, No. 1 for W.German Open

HAMBURG, West Germany (R) — Swedish teenager Mats Wilander was Wednesday named as top seed for the \$250,000 West German Open Championships starting on May 7.

Wilander, 19, heads a field which includes 11 of the world's top 20 players, including Yannick Noah of France, Jose Higuera of Spain, Argentine Davis Cup stars Guillermo Vilas and Jose-Luis Clerc, and Andres Gomez of Ecuador.

The Hamburg tournament is increasingly regarded as a vital warm-up to the first Grand Slam event of the season — the French Open Championships in Paris at the end of May which are also held on slow clay courts.

2 WBA title bouts set for Venezuela

CARACAS (R) — World Boxing Association (WBA) featherweight champion Eusebio Pedroza of Panama will defend his title against Venezuelan Angel Levy Mayor in Maracaibo, Venezuela, on May 12, fight promoter Rafto Cedeno said.

Then on May 29 Mexican Lupe Madera will defend his WBA light flyweight title against Francisco Quiroz of the Dominican Republic, also in Maracaibo.

The two fights were to have been held last Saturday but were postponed when Pedroza's camp questioned the legality of a tender in which Cedeno's organisation won the right to organise them.

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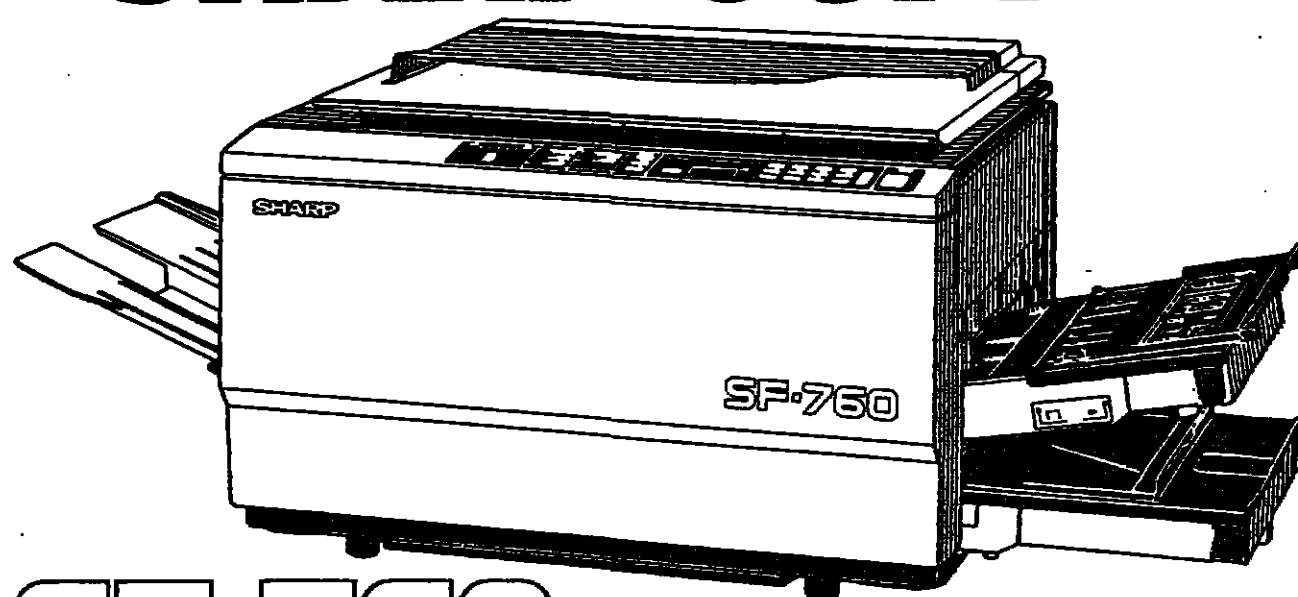
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Indian dock strike ends

NEW DELHI (R) — India's 26-day national port strike ended Tuesday with agreement between the Indian government and 300,000 dockworkers on pay rises.

A shipping ministry spokesman and union leaders told Reuters an agreement settling the crippling stoppage was signed shortly before midnight.

Mr. N.K. Batt, president of the Indian National Trade Union Congress, one of four major unions involved in the dispute, told Reuters work would resume immediately on unloading about 200 ships stranded by the strike.

Mr. Batt said the new agreement raises the government wage bill by 448 million rupees (\$44.8 million), an increase of about 21 per cent.

The minimum wage for a dockworker increases from 325 rupees (\$32.5) a month to 550 rupees (\$55) and the top wage rises from 1,380 rupees (\$138) to 1,679 rupees (\$167.9).

Dockworkers also won 10 to 30 per cent rises in house allowances spread over four years, Mr. Batt said.

The stoppage was India's longest port strike, losing the economy about \$2 billion since it started on March 16, according to economic and business analysts.

An 11-day stoppage in 1978 cost the country about five billion rupees (\$500 million).

At the start of negotiations the government offered a 15 per cent rise in the wage bill while unions wanted about 40 per cent.

The agreement was warmly welcomed by business and industry, badly affected by the closure of India's 10 major ports.

Mr. D.H. Pai Pandit, secretary-general of the Indian Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, told Reuters he was delighted at the agreement.

"We have lost \$18 million a day in exports and, what is worse, the confidence of some importers in our reliability. Some of the business we will never get back," he said.

The loss of production because of a lack of raw material was even higher than the lost exports, he added.

Mr. I.H. Padamsee, president of the Western India Shippers Association, said exporters would have a great sign of relief.

"A great calamity to the nation's economy has been averted by the timely action of the government," he added.

Indian National Shipowners' Association Secretary B.V. N. Kund said the strike had helped to raise total losses in the industry in 1983-84 to 1.8 billion rupees (\$180 million) from 1.08 billion (\$108 million) in the previous year.

He said port users feared a boost in berth charges to pay for the increase in workers' wages.

Bombay Port Trust (BPT) General Manager K. Nalinakshian said there were 87 ships in Bombay, India's largest port, waiting to be cleared.

"I hope the congestion will be cleared by the end of June," he said.

Key Japanese employers offer 3-5% pay rises

TOKYO (R) — Employers in key Japanese industries opened their annual pay negotiations Wednesday by offering rises of three to five per cent, union spokesmen said.

The unions, which united for pay bargaining but are mostly single-company organisations, were likely to accept, union sources said.

The offers covered workers in the steel, vehicle, electronics and shipbuilding industries.

Union leaders said the management offers meant this year's average pay increase seemed certain to be above last year's 4.4 per cent rise, the lowest since unions first joined forces for the annual wage offensive or Shunto in 1955.

Nippon Steel and four other large steel firms offered a 3.11 per cent rise, almost identical to last year's increase, and worth an average 6,900 yen (\$30) a month.

The steel workers had asked for a 5.3 per cent increase.

Toyota and Nissan, Japan's two biggest car makers, offered rises of 5.07 and 4.93 per cent respectively, the sources said.

Matsushita and other electronics firms offered 5.0 per cent increases and major shipbuilders offered their workers an extra 3.24 per cent.

Managers and unions of Japan's major private railway companies began last-ditch pay talks before the unions launch a one-day strike Thursday to back their pay demands.

The unions want an 8.9 per cent increase, almost twice the 4.73 per cent which union sources expected the employers to offer at Wednesday's talks.

The railway firms said that if it went ahead the 24-hour strike would affect up to 20 million subway, train and bus passengers in Japan's four largest cities.

U.S. corporation profits increase but jobs fall

NEW YORK (R) — The largest American industrial corporations increased their profits by 12.1 per cent last year but employed 300,000 fewer people, Fortune magazine said Tuesday.

Fortune said the 500 biggest U.S. industrial companies, boosted profits from \$61.4 billion to \$68.8 billion but their workforce fell from 14.4 million to 14.1 million.

The profit increase for the 500 was the first since 1979.

However, Fortune said 60 companies on the list lost money last year, the most since the magazine began its directory 30 years ago.

Exxon remained on the top of the list, which is based on sales, although its lead over General Motors diminished.

Ford jumped from fifth position into fourth, just behind Mobil and International Business Machines moved into fifth.

Texaco, number six, fell out of the top five for the first time in 10 years.

Meanwhile, the White House said Tuesday stronger than expected U.S. economic growth would produce lower federal budget deficits this year and next.

But in a revised forecast, the Reagan administration also said rising U.S. interest rates will push up the country's budget deficits in the second half of the 1980s unless Congress acts to cut government spending.

The economy will expand by five per cent after adjustment for inflation during 1984, dropping the jobless rate to a three-year low of 7.5 per cent by year's end compared with its current 7.8 per cent, the White House said.

In its original forecast in January, the administration projected economic growth of 4.5 per cent this year with unemployment at 7.7 per cent by December.

But the White House said those projections had been revised because of an unexpectedly strong first-quarter performance by the economy.

The robust U.S. economy should reduce the budget deficit by almost \$6 billion to \$177.8 billion this year by producing additional tax revenues and cutting outlays for unemployment insurance, the administration said.

But higher interest rates will raise the cost of financing the deficit by several billion dollars beginning in the 1986 financial year.

The deficit will peak at \$184.7 billion in 1987, according to the White House, about \$4 billion higher than the previous forecast.

The deficits in Tuesday's forecast assume enactment of a budget plan presented by President Reagan in January.

But both Mr. Reagan and members of Congress have proposed spending and tax policy changes that could cut the deficit to \$150 billion or less by the 1986 financial year.

Soviet Union approaches Volkswagen for engines

BONN (R) — Soviet industry has approached Volkswagen V.W. with a view to building its engines, probably diesels, in the Soviet Union, a V.W. spokesman said Tuesday.

The spokesman, Mr. Ortwin Witzel, told Reuters from the West German car firm's headquarters at Wolfsburg that the approaches were at a preliminary stage and no details had been agreed.

The Moscow correspondent of the financial newspaper Handelsblatt reported Tuesday that V.W. and its high-performance saloon unit Audi had both been approached by the Soviet Union.

He said recent talks with Volkswagen and Audi had been so favourable, that West Germany had a good chance of clinching a major co-operation deal with the Soviet Union.

The Soviet side wanted to use V.W.'s Golf diesel engines as part of streamlining for its old-fashioned Moskvich car plant in Moscow.

State-controlled V.W. recently reached an accord to help modernise the car industry in East Germany.

Bahrain offshore bank assets fall in January

BAHRAIN (R) — Assets of Bahrain's offshore banks dropped in January to \$57.97 billion from December's record \$62.74 billion, officials of the Bahrain Monetary Agency (BMA) said Tuesday.

Bankers had been expecting a substantial fall in the first month of the year, a result of attempts by some banks to improve the appearance of their end-year balance sheets. No breakdown of the figures was available.

Assets of the more than 70 offshore banks here, hit by depressed oil revenues to the Gulf countries, reached a 17-month low in July of \$55.54 billion but then increased monthly through December.

Separately, figures from the BMA quarterly statistical bulletin show that Bahrain commercial bank assets rose 8.8 per cent in 1983 to 1.66 billion Bahrain dinars (\$4.40 billion).

IMF's interim committee meets today

WASHINGTON (R) — The International Monetary Fund's policy-setting interim committee opens its semi-annual meeting Thursday amid fresh fears that there may be new cracks developing in the world's fragile monetary system.

For the past couple of years, the IMF has managed to keep the global monetary system from collapsing through a series of international rescue missions, particularly in debt-ridden Latin America.

Only 10 days ago, Argentina came within hours of defaulting on about \$500 million interest payments owed to commercial banks, a scare so unsettling that it sent shivers through the entire global system.

"What was so terrifying about the Argentine scare was that it developed so swiftly and so unexpectedly," said one industrialised country official.

The United States and four Latin American countries stepped in at the last moment to help Argentina with an assistance package. But the aid was tied to an eventual reform of Argentina's economy and fresh financing from the IMF.

The reform programme for Argentina is being discussed in Washington this week by officials from Buenos Aires and the IMF.

While attention has been directed primarily at Argentina, it became clear last weekend that Peru is also having major problems.

The IMF issued an unusual Sunday statement saying new assistance for Lima was still under active consideration.

Peruvian Finance Minister Carlos Rodriguez Pastor was fired in a political shakeup last month, forcing the IMF to delay a \$300 million loan programme until the fund can assess Lima's new economic leadership and its commitment to reform.

President Fernando Belaunde Terry appointed Mr. Sandro Mariategui, a former economy minister, to the premiership Tuesday after Prime Minister Fernando Schwalb and the entire cabinet resigned over proposed changes in economic policy.

The IMF and Peruvian officials would meet this week to discuss outstanding issues, and unless new problems emerge, the IMF loans could go forward soon.

While the main reasons for the presence of the finance ministers and central bankers in Washington are the interim committee meeting and Friday's World Bank-IMF development committee meeting, other important gatherings have been taking place this week.

Representatives from the group of 24 developing countries met Tuesday to discuss the impact that a recent jump in U.S. interest rates has had on the global debt situation and the need to increase world liquidity by releasing more of the IMF's hybrid currency, the Special Drawing Right (SDR).

Following the interim committee meeting, the Group of 11 industrial countries, which now includes Switzerland, will meet to discuss their positions on such issues as the SDR increase.

Most of the large industrial countries, including the U.S., have opposed an increase in the number of SDRs allocated to countries by the IMF on the grounds that this could lead to a new round of inflation by raising the global money supply.

The developing countries, however, have been pressing for a new allocation of the special IMF money because they are hard pressed for cash.

Most IMF officials agree that no action on the SDR increase will be taken during this round of meetings, but the issue will certainly be raised again when the IMF and World Bank hold their annual meeting in Washington this autumn.

The recent upward movement of U.S. interest rates is expected to be discussed at length by both developing and industrial countries because of fears that the higher rates could impede or stall the spread of the American economic recovery to other countries.

In addition, Third World countries are deeply concerned that the recent hike in the U.S. prime rate and the Federal Reserve Board discount rate could increase the interest charges they must pay on their massive debt.

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — Share prices closed higher in continued response to the British chancellor's recent remarks on the U.K. economy, dealers said. The 1500 F.T. 30 index was up 7.3 to 885.9.

Company news and figures dominated Wednesday with RTZ down 33p to 679 following disappointing full-year results. Hambros PLC added £2½ to end at £16 after 17 on news Charterhouse J. Rothschild is to buy a 24.8 per cent stake in Hambro life.

Government bonds opened lower after the larger than expected rise in U.K. money supply but rallied about ½ point on buying at the lower levels to show net falls of ¼ point on the day. Gold shares firmed while North Americans were mixed.

Life insurances firmed as much as 9p following results from Pearl up 17p to 809 and Hambro life up 7p on its figures and the Charterhouse move. Composite insurances were narrowly mixed. Lasso closed 5p higher having touched 338 on rumours, later denied by RTZ, that it plans to make a bid for Lasso, dealers said. Other oils were dull with Burmah down 4p at 187 after results and Shell off 5p at 625. B.P. was unchanged at 485.

Banks were quietly mixed with Lloyds up 5p to 614 and Natwest down the same amount to 652. Among equity leaders ICI ended 8p higher at 594, Glaxo at 850 and Distillers at 282 rose 10p apiece while Bowater added 5p to 319.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Wednesday.

One sterling	1.4342/52	U.S. dollars
One U.S. dollar	1.4345/55	Canadian dollars
	2.6180/90	West German marks
	2.9530/40	Dutch guilders
	2.1688/98	Swiss francs
	53.53/56	Belgian francs
	8.0510/60	French francs
	1619.25/1620.25	Italian lire
	224.63/75	Japanese yen
	7.7875/7925	Swedish crowns
	7.5470/5520	Norwegian crowns
	9.6250/6300	Danish crowns
One ounce of gold	382.75/383.25	U.S. dollars

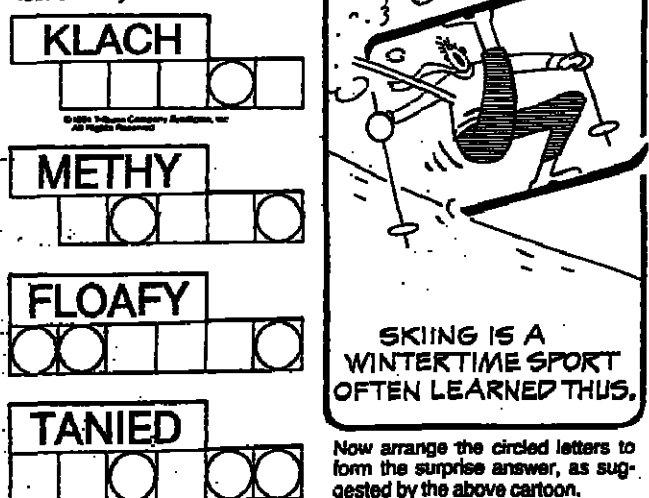
THE BETTER HALF

By Harris



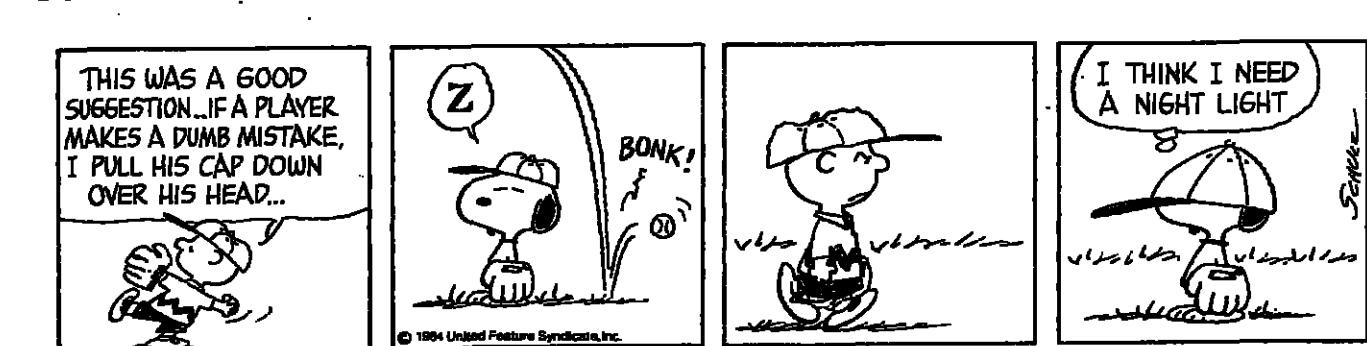
JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



Yesterday's Jumbles: FACET CHAFE MUSTER EXHALE
Answer: Many a "true" word is spoken between them—FALSE TEETH

Peanuts



Mutt 'n' Jeff



Andy Capp



FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 1984

YOUR DAILY Horoscope

GENERAL TENDENCIES: You have the chance to get everything about you in good working shape and condition. But then some upsets you had not expected require a change in your plans.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Persevere at the work ahead of you and don't permit some outside matter or person to take you away from it.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Make that appointment early for some entertainment that is appealing, but later you may find it is too costly so make different plans.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Be sensible in handling home affairs and plan to do work later, if there is a complaint. You have to show more devotion for kin.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Get busy at communications early since later something crops up that has to be handled quickly. Take care of errands.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Financial matters should come first today. Later be more careful not to over-spend where pleasure is concerned.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) You are anxious to gain your own aims, but don't neglect matters at home. Make your life more as you want it to be.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Get routine work done and look to a good friend for any financial assistance you may need. Take no risks while driving.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Go after personal aims, but if some important financial affair comes up, be sure to handle it well. Enjoy the company of an old friend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Study new interests, and don't let a complaining person bother you. Your intuition is quite good today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) You can speed up plans for that trip you want to take, even though a friend interferes with some job. Be very social tonight.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Talk your affairs over with those who are practical. Later be with your mate and have more happiness together.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Long talks with partners can clarify the picture. Handle a worldly matter later in the day. Be alert to what is happening around you.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she will be one who can make excellent blueprints, brochures, etc. that require neat touch, fine finish and artistic detail. Give a well-rounded education that will be broader in scope and then there can be a very successful life here.

"The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

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FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 1984

GENERAL TENDENCIES: This Friday the thirteenth has no jinx attached to it. Later in the evening, you and those about you are apt to complain and see the drab and dark side of things.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) A good day to keep busy at whatever work is ahead of you and get much accomplished, no matter where.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Improve your appearance whether at home or in professional hands. Set up appointments for entertainment during the weekend.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Give more attention to home matters and plan to do some interesting entertaining of the right people during the daytime.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Fine day for shopping and running errands. Later you can visit with good friends. Go over any statements or reports.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Handle financial affairs well and then set up a more workable budget. Avoid one who likes to waste your valuable time.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Good day to get your health and appearance improved and become more dynamic. During spare hours, visit good friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You have many small duties to perform and should get at them early. Come to a better understanding with your closest tie.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Study your relationship with friends and how to improve them, and plan how to return social favors.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Analyze how well you have handled career duties and decide how to accomplish more in the future.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Study into more modern methods and plan how to get them in operation so that you can get ahead faster.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) You can do much now to improve the situation with your mate and be happier in the days ahead.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Study into business and civic affairs during the daytime and see how they can be of greater help to you.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she will be one who can get conditions so organized that they will run very smoothly and not encounter any hitches. Give as fine a technological education as you can and a great deal of money can be made during the lifetime.

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Reagan's Nicaragua policy suffers defeat in Senate

WASHINGTON (R) — In a major bipartisan defeat for President Reagan, the U.S. Senate has demanded that the White House cut off any funds to be used for mining Nicaraguan ports.

The Senate resolution Tuesday night, approved by a 84-12 vote, was not binding on the president but put Congress on record as opposing use of American funds to "plan, direct, execute or support the mining of the territorial waters of Nicaragua."

The administration has never publicly admitted that the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) directly took part in attempts to disrupt trade to the leftist Managua government by laying mines.

But senior administration officials tried in secret briefings Tuesday to allay senators' fears about the mining, only to provoke hostility from both Republicans and Democrats.

Even conservative Republican Senator Barry Goldwater, normally a Reagan supporter, condemned the mining as "an act of war" in a letter to CIA Director William Casey. "For the life of

me, I don't see how we are going to explain it," Sen. Goldwater said.

Democratic Senator Edward Kennedy, who introduced the resolution as an amendment to a domestic tax bill, said the vote set the stage for a future attempt to actually cut off all U.S. funds for anti-government rebels in Nicaragua.

U.S. television networks Tuesday night quoted administration officials as saying that the mining operation had ended two days ago, but that it might be resumed.

Sen. Kennedy said the strong bipartisan reaction to the mining issue showed "the deep concern all Americans feel for American involvement in Central America."

The 100-member Senate, controlled by the Republicans, last week rejected all liberal Democratic efforts to defeat the president's urgent request for \$21

million in extra aid for guerrillas trying to overthrow the Nicaraguan government.

But confronted this week with published disclosures that the CIA was directly involved in the mining, even Mr. Reagan's loyalists like Senate Republican leader Howard Baker broke ranks.

Many were angered because they were not informed about the alleged operation ahead of time, which is required by U.S. law.

At the time, the Arizona Republican denied charges that Mr. Reagan approved the mining.

Even more widespread was anger over the mining itself, which Sen. Goldwater said violated international law.

"We have employed the very terrorist tactics we condemn others for," said Republican Senator Larry Pressler of South Dakota.

The White House had attempted to forestall a vote but finally agreed to let it go forward when faced with mounting Senate mutiny over the issue.

A Senate aide said there were clearly enough votes to pass it and the White House did not want the matter postponed until after a 10-day Easter recess, giving critics an opportunity to prolong debate.

2 Hindus killed in Punjab

NEW DELHI (R) — Unidentified gunmen killed two Hindus and wounded another in two separate attacks in India's troubled Punjab state as authorities sent paramilitary troops into the Sikh holy city of Amritsar in an attempt to defuse tension.

A.P. Bhatnagar, the state's deputy superintendent of police, told Reuters six attackers shot dead two Hindus in their home at a village about 45 kilometres from the Punjab city of Jullundur late Tuesday night.

The Press Trust of India (PTI) news agency reported another incident in which two Sikh gunmen shot and seriously wounded the leader of a militant Hindu organisation in Ferozepur town near the Punjab border with Pakistan.

The attacks occurred despite security forces in the rich farming state being out on high alert to head off sectarian violence during celebrations Tuesday marking the birthday of Lord Rama, one of the Hindu religion's main gods.

Bhatnagar said paramilitary Border Security Force (BSF) troops have started replacing units of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) in Amritsar. The redeployment came hours ahead of a planned statewide Sikh protest against the CRPF's presence.

The Sikh's main political party, the Akali Dal, had called protests Wednesday and on Friday against the CRPF, which it claimed was harassing Sikhs. It accused the CRPF of killing eight Sikhs during riots in Amritsar last week.

Thousands of paramilitary troops have been deployed across Punjab since last October when Prime Minister Indira Gandhi took direct control of the state by imposing presidential rule.

Informed sources told Reuters the withdrawal of CRPF troops from Amritsar signified a concession to growing Sikh political pressure. The sources said the BSF has a large number of Sikhs in its ranks while the CRPF troops being pulled out of Amritsar consist mostly of Hindus.

The sources added that tension had also been rising between units of the mainly Sikh local police and CRPF men patrolling Amritsar, headquarters of a 20-month-old Sikh campaign to wrest political and religious concessions from Mrs. Gandhi's government.

Soyuz T-10 touches down in Central Asia

MOSCOW (R) — A three-man Soviet-Indian space crew touched down safely in Central Asia Wednesday after a week aboard the orbiting space station Salyut-7.

State television said their landing craft, Soyuz T-10, had landed just east of the town of Arkalik in the Soviet Republic of Kazakhstan at 1449 Moscow time (1049 GMT).

As the descent module parachuted down, a fleet of three planes and five helicopters patrolled the desert area in Kazakhstan ready to rush in and help the cosmonauts out of their craft.

The three-man crew included Rakesh Sharma, India's first man in space and the 11th foreigner to take part in a Soviet mission.

His colleagues were Yuri Malyshev and Gennady Strekalov.

A television report from mission control, just outside Moscow, said the craft had touched down right on schedule and without problems. The crew were said to be well.

They blasted off from Baikonour in Soviet Central Asia eight days ago and docked with Salyut-7 and its three resident spacemen on April 4.

They returned in the craft which took Soviet cosmonauts Leonid

COLUMNS 7 & 8

Dog and snake meat soups banned

SEOUL (R) — The South Korean government Wednesday banned restaurants from serving traditional soups made from dog and snake meat to improve the country's image for the 1988 Asian games and 1988 Olympics being held here. A government statement said the ban, which had already been enforced in Seoul, would now take effect throughout the country. Both snake and dog are eaten in several Asian countries, including China. Seoul civic authorities reported that 300 dog meat soup shops which had served the dish in the capital had been closed and others were being phased out. Dog meat soup (Boshintang) is believed by many Koreans to help invigorate health during the hot summer months. Snake meat soup is traditionally served in the cold winter months. The ban has caused a lively debate in Seoul newspapers with readers' letters complaining that local habits formed over hundreds of years should not be changed to suit foreigners.

Everest climbing time reserved

PEKING (AP) — Anyone wanting to climb Mount Everest, the world's highest peak, must wait until 1987, the Chinese Mountaineering Association said Tuesday. Despite an average fee of 15,000 yuan (\$7,500) per climber charged by the Chinese government, teams are stacked up awaiting their chance to conquer the 8,848-metre mountain. Association Vice Chairman Shi Zhanchun told a press conference that each year China permits five or six expeditions up Everest in the spring and autumn climbing seasons. Three teams are now on the mountain, an American group from Seattle, Washington, climbers from Cumbria, England, and a British Army Special Air Services team that has abandoned its attempt after an avalanche killed one of its members April 3.

20 die of cholera in Bangladesh

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP) — Twenty people have died of cholera and 136 more have been taken to hospital with the disease in the past 10 days in Pirojpur, 250 kilometres southeast of Dhaka, the English-language newspaper New National reported Wednesday. The newspaper said more than 200 people died of cholera in March in Pirojpur, where an epidemic has broken out. Quoting Pirojpur officials, the newspaper said the civil surgeon has acknowledged the deaths of 36 people out of 673 stricken by cholera, and officials agreed that cholera had broken out because of a shortage of drinking water.

Influential bookseller dies at 94

OXFORD, England (R) — Influential bookseller and publisher Sir Basil Blackwell, once described as the best-read man in Britain, has died at his home near Oxford, aged 94. His renowned Oxford business, which grew into a big international operation with a yearly turnover of £100 million (\$150 million), made him one of the world's leading booksellers. Sir Basil, who made a practice of rising at 6 a.m. to begin his day's huge reading quota before breakfast, was born in a room above the office where he was working until last Thursday. He never formally retired from the business, which his father founded in 1879. He continued to go to the family bookshop three or four days a week, although his sons handled much of the daily running of the firm. He died on Monday, the family said.

New Peruvian cabinet appointed

LIMA (R) — President Fernando Belaunde Terry Tuesday named Senator Sandro Mariategui as Peru's prime minister and foreign minister after the entire cabinet quit, the government press office said.

Facing his worst government crisis in nearly four years in power, the president also named three new ministers and re-appointed all 12 others.

The ministers had resigned in sympathy after Prime Minister Fernando Schwalb quit over a change in economic policies.

Mr. Mariategui, 64, was Economy Minister during Mr. Belaunde Terry's first term in office between 1963 and 1968.

After a military coup toppled Mr. Belaunde Terry in 1969, Mr. Mariategui spent nearly two years in jail, charged with responsibility for a steep devaluation of the Peruvian sol while he was in office. The supreme court later cleared him of the charges.

Mr. Mariategui, an influential leader of the ruling Popular Action Party, was president of the senate in 1982.

Mr. Schwalb said in his res-

ignation letter, dated March 30, but published only Tuesday night, that he supported the policies of former Economy, Finance and Trade Minister Carlos Rodriguez Pastor.

Mr. Rodriguez Pastor quit last month after President Belaunde Terry, under attack from the opposition, announced a change in economic policy and the forthcoming removal of two unnamed ministers.

The government's new economic policies will be announced later this week, a presidential spokesman said.

1 million Brazilians rally for direct polls

RIO DE JANEIRO (R) — Brazilian opposition leaders said Wednesday one million people took part in a rally to demand direct elections — the biggest demonstration since the armed forces ousted the last civilian gov-

ernment 20 years ago. Police estimated 500,000 people attended the rally in Rio Tuesday.

It was staged as a high note in an opposition campaign for direct elections two weeks before an

April 25 parliamentary debate on a proposal to amend the constitution.

Under the proposal, a successor to President Joao Figueiredo would be elected by direct popular vote

Indonesia to move 700,000 Javanese to Irian Jaya

JAYAPURA, Indonesia (R) — Indonesia plans to move nearly 700,000 people from the overcrowded island of Java to the remote province of Irian Jaya over the next five years, the head of the Provincial Transmigration Office said.

Eko Sarwoko told Reuters the voluntary migration of 689,000 Javanese to the former Dutch West New Guinea would help economic development, promote Indonesia's integration and unity and benefit defence and security. It will boost the population of

the vast underdeveloped region from 1.2 million to nearly two million under the 1984-1989 five-year plan.

Irian Jaya's governor, Isaac Hindom, said the transmigration programme would enable the province to exploit its great economic potential faster and more effectively.

Mr. Hindom denied that the migrants from Java would dominate the local Irianese, mostly Melanesians of similar ethnic origins to the people across the border in Papua New Guinea.

Cameroun president orders military trial of coup activists

LONDON (R) — Cameroun President Paul Biya, who foiled a bid to oust him by dissident members of his Republican Guard last week, has said those involved in the coup attempt will be brought before a military tribunal without delay.

He said on Radio Yaounde Tuesday night the dissidents would be "brought before a military tribunal without delay to be tried and punished in accordance with our laws and commensurate with the extreme gravity of their crimes."

Mr. Biya in a speech to the nation, monitored by the British Broadcasting Corporation, said the "seriousness and extent" of the coup had moved him to take "military, political and administrative measures to strengthen the security, information and public order services" in the West African state.

No official toll has been declared for those dead or injured in

two days of heavy fighting and destruction, but residents in Yaounde said many rebels, loyalist soldiers and civilians were killed.

Loyalist troops engaged in fierce fighting to recapture from the rebels strategic buildings, including the Presidential Palace, the radio station and Yaounde Airport.

A Reuters correspondent in Cameroun counted 30 bodies of Republican Guards in the morgue of Yaounde's main hospital, and scores more being buried hastily in groups of two or three in bush areas close to the airport.

Informed sources said many civilians were also killed by stray bullets.

"Mr. Biya said the coup attempt was the responsibility of 'a minority of ambitious and power-hungry men, and not the responsibility of this or that province or Camerounians of this or that religion.'"

'Soviets use military aid to influence Third World'

WASHINGTON (R) — The Soviet Union uses military aid to the Third World as a major tool of policy, exporting more arms and sending more military advisers abroad than any other country, the U.S. Defence Department said Tuesday.

Since 1978, Moscow has shipped Third World nations a substantial volume of artillery, light armoured vehicles and surface-to-air missiles, according to the Pentagon.

In addition, it said, some 23,000 Soviet military personnel are now in Third World countries in addition to the 110,000 Soviet troops in Afghanistan.

The assessment was included in the Defence Department's booklet, "Soviet military power 1984".

Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger told a news conference: "The USSR is continuing to press ahead with the continual upgrading of all elements of its strategic and conventional military force with an astonishing pace of increase."

Asked the reason for the build-up, he said it fitted into the

original doctrine of the Soviet Union, "and that is world domination — it's just that simple." "They have been on a steady, strong continual course, an uphill path of increases in military strength, and increasing their research and development capabilities, their procurement, their deployment," Mr. Weinberger said. "And they never stop working on new versions."

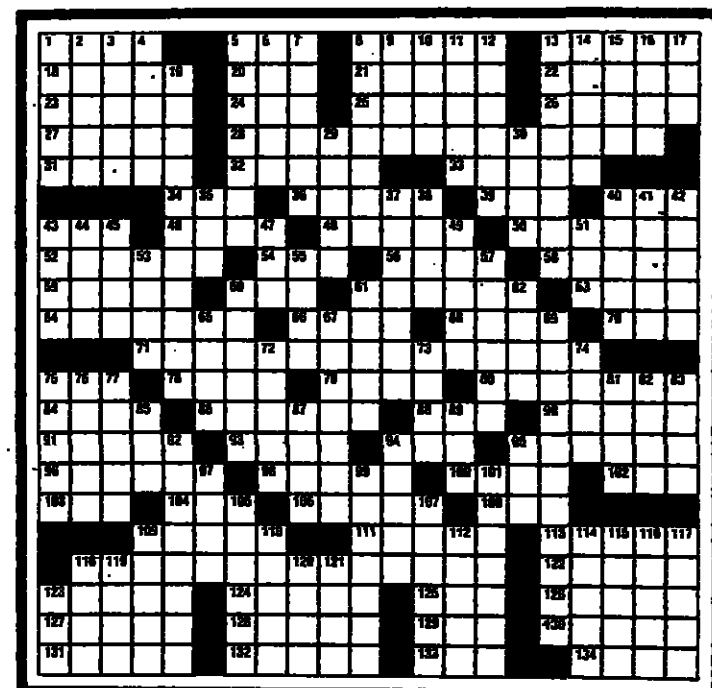
The booklet said military aid gives the Soviet Union an entree into areas previously beyond its influence and makes the countries receiving aid dependent on Moscow for training.

It said Soviet aid not only included arms but also military advisory groups and the use of proxies such as Cuban troops and East German intelligence and security personnel.

Since 1953, the booklet said the Soviet Union and its Eastern European allies have signed contracts for \$98 billion worth of aid to the Third World and by last year more than \$60 billion of it had been delivered. By 1979 it had surpassed the U.S. as a supplier of military aid to the Third World.

THE WEEKEND CROSSWORD

Edited by Herb Etkisson



Last Week's Cryptograms

1. Blessed are they who must go around in circles, for they often become big wheels.
2. Chubby scientist rates same bath one percent inspiration, ninety-nine percent perspiration.
3. Good news leading to grow. It can die fast of slow neglect.
4. Jack and Jill went up a real steep hill with brand new buckets.

CRYPTOGRAMS

1. EUQPE TOMXULAF EAOKTIC IZ EPL KEY PT
SMUTY US HMEFKPMOC AKCPL ZPTN
EROONOC HPMAL KTC YX EKQOMEL
—By Marlene E. Adams

2. SFAAFBI FENRAAFEXC BCVIA, RUUA, RI, PC
NLEZVXT PRIM MLT.
—By Connie Rosenfeld

3. LPYS BCY PFYC ZUZZULUO APXIPWU PQO
ASLB YB SGO EPCZ WPLUOE ZPHAF.
—By Martha P. Garner

4. LOTS AXPQ MIXLORE TSOBBUE EUME
IRKILXOEIP EXOAQ
—By E.P. Grever



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GOREN BRIDGE

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NOT SAFE, JUST SORRY

North-South vulnerable.

South deals.

NORTH
♦ AKQ4
♥ 432
♦ J4
♣ J742

WEST EAST
♥ 983 ♦ J10652
♦ QJ75 ♥ 6
♦ A6 ♦ 1095
♣ K983 ♣ AQ106

SOUTH
♦ 7
♥ AK1098
♦ KQ8732
♣ 5

The bidding:

South West North East

1 ♥ Pass 1 ♦ Pass

2 ♦ Pass 2 NT Pass

3 ♦ Pass 3 ♥ Pass

4 ♥ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Nine of ♠.

There is a collection of standard safety plays to give yourself the best chance of limiting your losers in given situations. But be sure you know the cost of your insurance.

South opened the shorter of his two suits because his hand wasn't quite good enough for a reverse. His decision to go on to four hearts is open to question, especially since he knew that much of his partner's values in the black suits was going to be wasted.

West might have led the unbid suit in view of South's reluctance to play a no trump contract. He chose instead to lead from top of nothing in spades, and thereby presented declarer with a trick. South won the king of spades and discarded a club on the queen of spades. Now declarer should have been happy to lose two heart tricks and a diamond.

Correct technique is to cash one high heart and then proceed to force out the ace of diamonds. Even if diamonds and hearts both break badly, your contract is safe.

Unfortunately, declarer had read something about safety plays. He led a heart from dummy and, instead of going up with the ace, he finessed the eight. West won and was quick to force declarer with a club. The contract could no longer be made.

After ruffing the club, declarer tried the ace of hearts, and discovered the break. Now he forced out the ace of diamonds, but West countered by forcing declarer with another club. Declarer ended up losing three trump tricks and the ace of diamonds, for down one.